(c) whether experts have suggested that India should adopted dairy market in Pakistan and Sri Lanka;

(d) if so, the details of efforts being made to adopt the dairy markets in these countries; and

(e) the details of exports being made by India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) NDDB formed a Joint Venture with Government of Sri Lanka in 1997, which was dissolved in 2000, and no investment was made in setting up a plant. NDDB has no plan to set-up a Rs. 10 Crore plant in Sri Lanka.

(c) and (d) The Minister for Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation, Government of Sri Lanka had visited NDDB, Anand in July 2004 and NDDB offered to assist Sri Lanka in the field of animal husbandry and dairy development. Besides, SAARC and ASEAN countries require substantial quantities of milk products from outside. Various Cooperatives and Private Companies in India are making efforts to enter into their markets.

(e) The export of dairy products from India in terms of quantity and value for last four years is as follows:—

Year	Quantity (in MT)	Value (Rs./crore)
2000-2001	11069	83.90
2001-2002	24774	182.45
2002-2003	21440	153.59
2003-2004*	—	159.41

* Provisional

Training programme for short harvest crops

†1801. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise details of the areas in the country in which crops have been damaged by drought;

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(b) whether any proposal of conducting training programme for growing other short harvest crops in the drought-hit areas of the country is under consideration;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) There was a break in the progress and intensity of the South-West monsoon over many parts of the country during July this year, resulting in moisture stress affecting sown crops. Subsequently, there was revival in monsoon by last week of July and considerable improvement has occurred causing upsurge in sowing and improvement of agricultural prospects in the country. Since Kharif sowing is in progress, the State Governments are yet to assess the extent of damage to the crops by drought.

(b) to (d) The State Agricultural Universities and Indian Council of Agricultural Research Institutes have prepared the location specific contingent plans for drought management. The cultivation practices for short duration crops and crop varieties have been included in these contingent plans. These research organizations organize periodic trainings in the areas related to their mandates and the package of practices for cultivation of short duration crops/varieties are a part of these regular trainings.

Financial Assistance to the flood and drought affected states

†1802. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the losses suffered due to floods and drought in various parts of the country during the last three years and in 2004, so far;

(b) the financial assistance provided by Government to the affected States, State-wise;

(c) whether Government are aware of the fact that only a meager part of the assistance provided by the Central Government reaches to the affected persons; and

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